Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control

D. TITLE						
6	Substitute for	or form 14496	3/PTO	Complete if Known		
	FORMATI			Application Number	09/986,046	
PR 8 7 2003	SATEMEN	T BY APPL	JCANT	Filing Date	11/07/2001	
Γ"	A Sate Submi	ttad: Anril 7	7 2003	First Named Inventor	Toshio KIKUCHI	
	· A	•		Group Art Unit	2834	
PA TOATON	ase as many s	sheets as n	ecessary)	Examiner Name	Nguyen, Hanh, N.	
Sheet	se as many s	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	040356-0404	

				U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS	;		
	Cite No.3	U.S. Patent Document			Date of Publication of	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant	
Examiner Initials*		Number	Kind Cade ² (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
NH	A1	2,899,573		A.J. WESOLOWSKI	08/11/1959	310/60B	
HN	A2	4,467,229		OGITA	08/21/1984		
			<u> </u>				

				F	OREIGN PATENT DOCUMEN	TS		
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	For Office ³	eign Patent E Number ⁴	locument Kind Code ⁸ (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Documents	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pagas, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	1.0
HN	A3	JP	59 04111	47		03/07/1984	HOZK 9/02	X
						1		

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	70				

	Examiner Signature	Ngrujenland	Date Considered 1∫	17/03
--	-----------------------	-------------	-----------------------	-------

"EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 Unique citation designation number. 2See stached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. 3Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. 6Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time with vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.